

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ROBERTSON ET AL.

Serial No. 09/857,739

Filed: **June 8, 2001**For: **CANCER DETECTION METHODS
AND REAGENTS**Art Unit: **1642**Examiner: **Yu, M.****FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued November 6, 2003, in the above-identified patent application, a four-month period of responding to which expires March 6, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time for a one-month extension of time to file a Response to Non-Final Office Action to expire on March 6, 2004, and a fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 4, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elena S. Polovnikova".

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No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith for the Examiner's approval, the amendment to Figure 4 shown in red in compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(d) is submitted on separate sheets enclosed with this First Response to Non-Final Office Action.

